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1. FEBRUARY 16, 1976

1705 - SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT TAXIES TO STOP APPROXIMATELY 70 METERS WITH NOSE FACING ARRIVAL TERMINAL OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT. REAR DOOR OPENS FIRST AND PRESS AND SUPPORT STAFF DISEMBARK. SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL BE GUIDED TO TRANSPORTATION BY GSO JERRY LUJAN. PRESS ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY WILL BE GUIDED IMMEDIATELY TO PRESS AREA BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND ARRIVAL TERMINAL BY IO YALE NEWMAN. VENEZUELAN PRESS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WHILE SECRETARY GREETES GOV OFFICIALS AND REVIEWS HONOR GUARD.

ENTIRE AREA AROUND PLANE WILL BE SECURE. PRESS AREA WILL BE CORDONED OFF.

DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL NELSON HERNANDEZ AND AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN WILL ESCORT THE SECRETARY DOWN THE RAMP AND PRESENT HIM TO FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM AT THE BASE OF THE RAMP.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S STAFF AND THE EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE IN A LINE BEGINNING JUST BEHIND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF: DIRECTOR GENERAL JORGE GOMEZ MANTELLINI AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNA-  
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TIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS GERMAN NAVA CARRILLO. AMBASSADOR

SHLAUDEMAN WILL INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF: DCM DIEGO ASECIO; PAO JOHN HIGGINS; ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JOHN MILLS; ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR WEIKKO FORSTEN; POLITICAL COUNSELOR VIRGIL RANDOLPH; AND CONSUL GENERAL HUGH DOUGLAS. (SERVICE ATTACHES WILL BE IN PLACE AT THE NATIONAL PANTHEON IN CARACAS.)

SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, PROCEEDS A FEW PACES FORWARD AND HALTS AS INDICATED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. BOTH STAND TO ATTENTION AS THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS ARE PLAYED. FOUR MINUTES.

FOREIGN MINISTER ESCORTS THE SECRETARY A FEW PACES FORWARD WHERE THE TWO ARE MET BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF A GUARD OF HONOR. SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIES BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE HONOR GUARD COMMANDER, TURNS TO HIS RIGHT AND REVIEWS THE HONOR GUARD BY WALKING TOWARD THE ARRIVAL TERMINAL IN FRONT OF THE GUARD. SECRETARY INCLINES HIS HEAD BEFORE THE VENEZUELAN COLORS. ON REACHING THE END OF THE HONOR GUARD ITS COMMANDING OFFICER SALUTES WITH HIS SWORD AND RETIRES. SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER TURN RIGHT AND WALK TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE ARRIVAL TERMINAL. TWO MINUTES.

MEANTIME, SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL PARTY, GOV OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE MOVED THROUGH AN OPENING IN THE CORDON TO THE ARRIVAL TERMINAL.

FOREIGN MINISTER ESCORTS THE SECRETARY INSIDE THE ARRIVAL TERMINAL, TURNING LEFT AND PROCEEDING TO A PODIUM WITH MICROPHONES. PRESS WILL BE FACING SECRETARY FROM A CORDONED-OFF AREA. CHAIRS BEHIND THE SECRETARY'S PODIUM WILL BE PROVIDED FOR AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL GOMEZ MANTELLINI AND VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US BURELLI RIVAS. ONE MINUTE.

FOREIGN MINISTER MAKES A BRIEF WELCOMING STATEMENT. THREE MINUTES.

SECRETARY READS HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, CONSECUTIVELY TRANSLATED BY INTERPRETER. IF THE SECRETARY IS WILLING TO ANSWER  
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A FEW QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS, A FEW MORE MINUTES CAN BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. FIVE TO FIFTEEN MINUTES.

SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER DEPART PRESS AREA BY REAR EXIT AND BOARD THEIR CAR IN MOTORCADE, POSITIONED NEXT TO EXIT ON TARMAC. ONE MINUTE.

1730 - MOTORCADE DEPARTS MAIQUETIA AIRPORT EN ROUTE TO

NATIONAL PANTHEON IN CARACAS.

2. NOTE. COMPOSITION OF MOTORCADE WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.  
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